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report (in German)

concerning the Koethen airfield, which was observed on 11 and 18 March 1957. The report gives weather conditions and aircraft counts, including a description of a jet aircraft of unknown type, as described in paragraph 2. The report also gives information on flying activities and radio equipment, including a double-cross antenna (Doppelkreuzantennen-Mast) which was observed. A sketch of this antenna is given in paragraph 3.

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2.

The description of the jet aircraft of unknown type is as follows: the aircraft was approximately twice as large as a MIG-17; it was a mid-wing airplane (Mitteldecker) and the ends of the wings were square-shaped (eckig) instead of being rounded; the wings were joined to the fuselage so as to form the shape of an arrow (pfeilfoermig), and where they joined the fuselage they were unusually wide; the rudder was tall (hochgezogenes Seitenruder) and its angle of incidence (Ansatzwinkel) was about 120°, i.e. the fin (Flosse); the rudder was gently rounded; the elevator (Hoehereruder) was approximately in the middle of the fin and, as well as could be determined, it also formed the shape of an arrow with the fin; the fuselage was slender and had three windows in the foremost third of its length; the pilot's cabin hung down below the foremost third of the fuselage; the air intake for the jet engine was in the shape of an ellipse and was comparatively broad.

there were two engines side by side; the aircraft had two pairs of wheels in front and a single wheel at the tail; no painted identifying markings could be observed on the aircraft.

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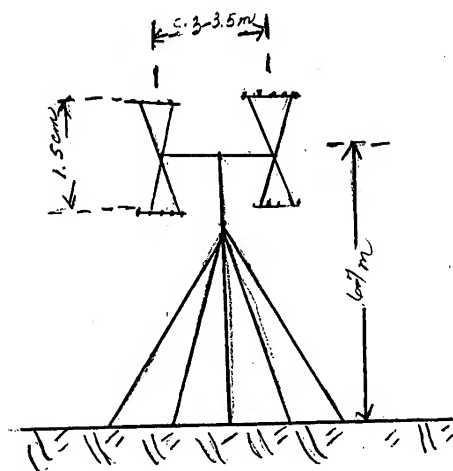
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3. The appearance of the double-cross antenna is shown in the following sketch:



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Flak und Funk. Keine Flak in den Stellungen erkannt.
Zwischen der Südrollbahn und Pkt. 11 war 1 Antennenmast,
der mit 4 Abspannseilen versehen war, errichtet, der
Mast trug eine Doppelkreuzantenne, vgl. untenstehende
Skizze.

Skizze des Doppelkreuzantennen-Mastes.

